

REMARKS

Claims 1-41, 43, 45, 46, and 48-74 have been examined.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 12, 23, 24, and 40.

Claims 1-11, 13-22, 25-39, 41, 43, 45, 46, and 48-74 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sharritt et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,999,990; hereinafter "Sharritt") in view of Barnes et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,787,026; hereinafter "Barnes").

While not conceding the validity of the prior art rejection, but merely to advance prosecution, Applicant has placed the application in condition for allowance by cancelling the rejected claims.

With no issues remaining, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

In the event a fee is required or if any additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge the underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

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